

In re Application of: Legge et al.
Application No.: 10/658,162

Remarks

In the application, claims 1 through 39 are pending. Claim 38 currently stands allowed.

The Final Office Action dated August 18, 2005, has been carefully considered. The Final Office Action rejects claims 1 through 9, 14 through 16, 19 through 24, 29, 30, 33 through 37, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of U.S. Patents 6,044,308 (“Huissoon”) and 5,304,773 (“Kilian”). Claims 10 and 25 are rejected as obvious in light of Huissoon, Kilian, and U.S. Patent 6,204,473 (“Legge”). Claims 11 through 13, 17, 18, 26 through 28, 31, and 32 are rejected as obvious in light of Huissoon, Kilian, and U.S. Patent 5,751,436 (“Kwon”). Finally, claim 38 is allowed because the prior art

does not teach a computer controlled laser machine tool in which the laser sensor specifically checks registration without requiring holes to be cut into the workpiece.

Final Office Action, page 5.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claim 38.

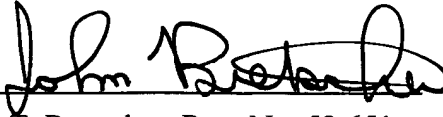
In order to expedite issuance of this application as a patent, applicants amend, without prejudice, independent claims 1, 8, 24, and 39 to include language from independent claim 38: “without requiring holes to be cut into the workpiece.” Thus, all pending independent claims, and their dependent claims that include all of their limitations, are allowable for at least the same reasons stated by the Examiner for allowing claim 38.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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